

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 866–882; and 10 resolutions, H. Res. 102–111, were introduced. **Pages H780–81**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H782**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative James to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H741**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H745**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:02 p.m. **Page H747**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H757**

**Terminating the requirement imposed by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for proof of COVID–19 vaccination for foreign travelers:** The House passed H.R. 185, to terminate the requirement imposed by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for proof of COVID–19 vaccination for foreign travelers, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 116. **Pages H747–57, H757–62**

Rejected the Schrier motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 115. **Pages H760–61**

Agreed to:

Boebert amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 118–3) that requires the CDC to produce a report

to Congress on the number of visitors denied entry under this policy (by a recorded vote of 253 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 111); and **Pages H754, H758**

Rose amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 118–3) that clarifies that nothing in the underlying bill impacts the CDC order requiring a pre-departure COVID–19 test for people traveling from the People’s Republic of China (by a recorded vote of 426 ayes to 8 noes, Roll No. 113). **Pages H755–56, H759–60**

Rejected:

McGovern amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 118–3) that sought to clarify that this legislation will not affect the authority of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to mandate vaccination requirements against any other disease in the future for noncitizens who are nonimmigrants entering the U.S. (by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 110); **Pages H753–54, H757–58**

Golden (ME) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 118–3) that sought to eliminate the prohibition on future rulemaking (by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 112); and

**Pages H754–55, H758–59**

Torres (CA) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 118–3) that sought to require the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to certify that such provision will not result in an increase in hospitalizations due to COVID–19 prior to the provisions of section 1 taking effect (by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 114). **Pages H756–57, H760–61**

H. Res. 97, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 185), and the joint resolutions

(H.J. Res. 24) and (H.J. Res. 26) was agreed to yesterday, February 7th.

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Houlahan wherein she resigned from the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H762**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Spanberger wherein she resigned from the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H762**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 102, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H762**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 103, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H762**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, February 9th. **Page H762**

**Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022:** The House considered H.J. Res. 24, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, February 9th. **Pages H762–68**

**Quorum Calls Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H757–58, H758, H758–59, H759–60, H760, H761, and H761–62.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 118th Congress. The Committee Staff List, and the Authorization and Oversight plan were adopted.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 118th Congress, and confirmed its subcommittee jurisdictions.

### STATE OF THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “State of the Defense Industrial Base”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### THE ROLE OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES IN GREAT POWER COMPETITION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations held a hearing entitled “The Role of Special Operations Forces in Great Power Competition”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AMERICAN EDUCATION IN CRISIS

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “American Education in Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Jared Polis, Governor, Colorado; and public witnesses.

### THE FEDERAL RESPONSE TO COVID–19

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “The Federal Response to COVID–19”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services officials: Lawrence A. Tabak, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Robert Califf, M.D., Commissioner of Food and Drugs, U.S. Food and Drug Administration; and Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

### LIFTOFF: UNLEASHING INNOVATION IN SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Liftoff: Unleashing Innovation in Satellite Communications Technologies”. Testimony was heard from William Richardson, Deputy Associate General Counsel for Agenda Review, Federal Communications Commission; Charles Glass, Chief, International Spectrum Policy Division, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### SOPHISTICATION OR DISCRIMINATION: HOW THE ACCREDITED INVESTOR DEFINITION UNFAIRLY LIMITS INVESTMENT ACCESS FOR THE NON-WEALTHY AND THE NEED FOR REFORM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Sophistication or Discrimination: How the Accredited Investor Definition Unfairly Limits Investment Access for the Non-wealthy and the Need for Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## REVAMPING AND REVITALIZING BANKING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled “Revamping and Revitalizing Banking in the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EMPOWERING ENTREPRENEURS: REMOVING BARRIERS TO CAPITAL ACCESS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Empowering Entrepreneurs: Removing Barriers to Capital Access for Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 118th Congress. The Committee Staff List, and the Authorization and Oversight plan were adopted.

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 118th Congress. The Committee Hiring Resolution was agreed to.

## UNLEASHING AMERICA’S ENERGY AND MINERAL POTENTIAL

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Unleashing America’s Energy and Mineral Potential”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## PROTECTING SPEECH FROM GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE AND SOCIAL MEDIA BIAS, PART 1: TWITTER’S ROLE IN SUPPRESSING THE BIDEN LAPTOP STORY

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Protecting Speech from Government Interference and Social Media Bias, Part 1: Twitter’s Role in Suppressing the Biden Laptop Story”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 118th Congress. The Authorization and Oversight plan was adopted, without amendment.

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its

rules for the 118th Congress. Chairs, Ranking Members, and the Authorization and Oversight Plan were adopted.

## STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON THE IMPACTS OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S WATER OF THE UNITED STATES (WOTUS) RULE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives on the Impacts of the Biden Administration’s Water of the United States (WOTUS) Rule”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 118th Congress. Chairs, Ranking Members, Assignments and Ratios, and Committee Staff List were approved.

## THE GREATEST THEFT OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS: UNCHECKED UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Greatest Theft of Taxpayer Dollars: Unchecked Unemployment Fraud”. Testimony was heard from Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Larry Turner, Inspector General, Department of Labor; and Michael Horowitz, Chair, Pandemic Response Accountability Committee, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the 2023 Farm Bill, focusing on commodity programs, crop insurance, and credit, 9:30 a.m., SR–328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the People’s Republic of China’s high altitude surveillance efforts against the United States, 10:15 a.m., SD–192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 118th Congress, and the nominations of Radha Iyengar Plumb, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Laura Taylor-

Kale, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Defense, 11 a.m., SVC-208/209.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 118th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the state of housing in 2023, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 118th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine strengthening airline operations and consumer protections, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 118th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the state of the U.S. Territories, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine U.S.-China policy in the era of strategic competition, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 118th Congress, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 118th Congress, 11 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* organizational business meeting to consider the selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman, committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 118th Congress, 11 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 118th Congress, S. 79, to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish an interagency task force between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of sharing information and providing technical assistance with respect to patents, S. 113, to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, S. 142, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and to prohibit biological product manufacturers from compensating biosimilar and interchangeable companies to delay the entry of biosimilar biological products and interchangeable biological products, S. 148, to enable to Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions

filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns, S. 150, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit product hopping, and the nominations of Nancy G. Abudu, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Anthony Devos Johnstone, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Julie Rikelman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Robert Stewart Ballou, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, Natasha C. Merle, and Ramon Ernest Reyes, Jr., each to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Jessica G. L. Clarke, Dale E. Ho, and Arun Subramanian, each to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Todd E. Edelman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Kymberly Kathryn Evanson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Gordon P. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Jonathan James Canada Grey, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Myong J. Joun, and Julia E. Kobick, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Kenly Kiya Kato, and Hernan D. Vera, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Colleen R. Lawless, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, Rita F. Lin, and P. Casey Pitts, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Andrew G. Schopler, and James Edward Simmons, Jr., both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Rosemarie Hidalgo, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Amy Lefkowitz Solomon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Kate E. Brubacher, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, Ismail J. Ramsey, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California, and Jill E. Steinberg, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, all of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 11:30 a.m., S-216, Capitol.

## House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation, hearing entitled "The Future of War: Is the Pentagon Prepared to Deter and Defeat America's Adversaries?", 8:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* Full Committee, organizational meeting, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Full Committee, business meeting on the Committee Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Looking Ahead Series: The Architect of the Capitol’s Strategic Plan for the 118th Congress”, 9 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, hearing enti-

tled “Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government”, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Dependence on Foreign Adversaries: America’s Critical Minerals Crisis”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, February 9

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Cindy K. Chung, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 1:45 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Thursday, February 9

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Complete consideration of H.J. Res. 24—Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022.

Consideration of H.J. Res. 26—Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022.

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